

ENGINEERS WARMLY GREETED IN PARADE

Col. Parsons, of the 11th, Tells Troops "Paris Work Will Not End Wars."

"MAY BE CALLED AGAIN"

Master Out Begins To-day of Men, Mostly New Yorkers, Away 22 Months.

Col. William Barclay Parsons, commanding officer of the Eleventh Engineers, U. S. A., was "touched beyond words," as he put it last night, at the "warm and evident sincerity" of the homecoming greeting which his veterans received when they marched down Fifth avenue yesterday between sidewalks jammed with cheering humanity. After the parade Col. Parsons and his officers and men were guests of the military engineering committee at dinner in the Hotel Pennsylvania. A reception in the Seventy-first Regiment Armory followed, and at 5 o'clock the command entrained for Camp Mills, where the mustering out process will begin to-day.

Col. Parsons' regiment, which arrived here on board the transport Chicago on Sunday after twenty-two months' service in France, came in from Camp Mills on special trains yesterday morning, crossing the East River by Long Island City on the ferryboat Newburg. They marched up First avenue to Ninety-sixth street and then turned west to Fifth avenue. The parade started downtown from there at 10:15 o'clock. The troops had their bayonets fixed and wore shrapnel helmets, and there was no mistaking that they were veterans as they swung easily along over the asphalt.

A platoon of mounted police headed the parade, followed immediately by Col. Parsons and his staff. Then came the Eleventh Engineers, in two battalions, with the Interborough band at the head of the first battalion following. Automobiles carrying wounded men brought up the rear, and their progress down the avenue could be easily marked by the waves of cheering which rippled along through the crowds as they passed.

Col. Parsons Calls Maj. Holland In.

Just before the regiment debouched from Ninety-sixth street Col. Parsons called Maj. H. W. Holland, who had served with it in France, but who had been ordered home as a casual. The major was on the sidewalk in civilian dress, but Col. Parsons insisted that he join the command in its great march. So Maj. Holland borrowed an overcoat from a nearby soldier and joined. He said afterward that he was glad he did and that it would be a long time before he forgot the experience.

The volume of the welcome grew all the way down the avenue. For most of the distance the regiment marched at route pace and the men waved and answered the greetings which were shouted at them. Along the line of march were the Sixteenth Engineers, who served with the Eleventh in France, and 300 men from the old Eleventh Artillery of the Bronx, now the Fifty-eighth Coast Artillery. The latter displayed two large banners inscribed:

"Welcome to Our Pals of the Eleventh" and "Col. Parsons is the Ace of Aces."

It took the troops just fifteen minutes to pass the official reviewing stand at Fifty-second street. The regiment marched past at attention, executing "eyes right" and the distinguished party gathered there stood and uncovered as the colors went by.

Mascot Dogs Get Greetings.

The two mascots of the regiment, a white poodle, and Oig, who is just a brown dog, came in for their share of the greetings. They were brought home, it was explained, by Harry Keating, Company F's cook, as presents for Brownie, the Company A mascot, killed on the Somme, and Young Jimmy, presented to Company A by a Canadian regiment, but which lost its life in the St. Mihiel salient.

It had been intended by the regiment to bring home an entire pack of German police dogs, but strict orders against the shipment of canine passengers were issued before the troops embarked at Bordeaux. Cognac, the regiment's mascot, was smuggled aboard concealed in the racks of two soldiers. It was not until the Chicago was two days out that their presence became known to the transport's skipper, who felt it was then too late to do anything, especially as the little beasts had most ingratiating manners, to say nothing of a wound and three service stripes attached to their collars.

At Thirty-fourth street the column halted to the Hotel Pennsylvania, where dinner was served. Maj. Hylan and Gov. Smith were to have been guests of honor, but they were unable to be present and it was decided to omit special making. However, an insistent call for Col. Parsons compelled him to respond. He told his men they should never forget that they belonged to a regiment which had come through the war with an unblemished record, and mentioned that sixty-eight of the enlisted men had won commissions from the ranks.

In spite of the work being done in Paris," Col. Parsons said, "don't fool yourselves into believing that war is a thing of the past. Wars will not end until we have men. We all are likely to be called upon again, but unless the call comes too late to respond, if the call comes too late to respond, I have you will give to my successor the same loyal support you have always given me."

"The war isn't over yet," he concluded, "and an equal number of men in its ranks is a thing of the past. When you go back to civil life I hope you will use your brains as wisely and efficiently as you used your picks and shovels in France."

A burst of cheering greeted his remarks.

Menu at the Dinner.

A menu included crab meat cocktail, oysters, celery and olives, sea food, roast stuffed chicken, sweet potatoes, southern style, peas in butter, asparagus, pie, ice cream, coffee, lemonade, cigars and cigarettes.

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Special Dispatch to The Sun. ALBANY, April 30.—Major-Gen. Flagler, commanding the Forty-second Division of the American Army, issued a divisional general order here to-night, in which he recites the deeds of the 165th Infantry (the old Forty-ninth) and gives high praise to the regiment for its battle service in France. He gave in order the work of the regiment in the Lunenburg and Raccarrat sectors, near Chalon, at Chateau Thierry and along the Vesle and in the St. Mihiel and Argonne operations. The order ends:

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